

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

Mr. J. E. Broughton, who lives several miles west of Pinewood, lost his barn with contents by fire on Sunday evening. Three bales of cotton were also burned. There was no insurance.

An explosion of two 20-horse power boilers in the dry house of the Gross Lumber Manufacturing company occurred in Lexington Wednesday afternoon, completely destroying the dry house, and it is feared, fatally injuring Mr. Fred H. Gross, one of the owners of the plant. Mr. Jasper D. Trice, who operates a brick yard near by, was struck by a flying timber and escaping steam, breaking his right arm and scalding him severely.

The action of Postmaster General Wyne in notifying Republican National Committee members of South Carolina that postmasters will be dismissed from service in future if they pay the expenses of delegates to political conventions was approved by the president and cabinet Wednesday. The decision grew out of the complaint that it was the custom of the postmasters in South Carolina to pay railroad and other expenses of delegates to political conventions.

Attorneys Legare & Holman filed a damage suit for \$50,000 in behalf of Sol Blank in the United States circuit court in Charleston Wednesday against the Southern Railway. The suit grows out of the collision between two trains at New Market, Tenn., on September 24th last. Mr. Blank had been to the World's Fair and was on his way back to Charleston. In the accident about 150 people were killed and several hundred hurt, and Mr. Blank was among those who were most hurt.

The two daughters of Mr. R. B. Armstrong, of Aiken, were seriously hurt in a runaway accident Tuesday afternoon.

Capt. C. A. Melford, of the Abbeville Company First South Carolina Volunteers in the Spanish war, has been granted a pension. He receives \$1,100 back pension and \$20 a month for life.

Louisa Johnson, colored, has been arrested in Charleston for killing a two-day old infant.

The store of B. Myers & Co., of Jefferson, Chesterfield county, was broken open and robbed by Jim Joplin Sunday night. He was captured, confessed and the goods recovered.

A negro named Tilden Davis was burned to death in his home in Britton, Marion county, Saturday night. He had been to Marion Saturday and returned home early in the evening in an intoxicated condition.

The barn and stables of H. Howes, of Holly Hill, were burned Tuesday. Loss, \$1,000. The same night the office of A. P. Joyner, of Holly Hill, was burned, loss \$500.

A negro attacked a young lady on Orange street in Darlington, Monday evening. He seized her by the throat and demanded money. She screamed for help and the negro ran off. Bloodhounds were put on his trail but he escaped.

JAPANESE OUTFLANK THE RUSSIAN ARMY.

Russians Report Serious Skirmish at Chelinal Pass—Both Sides Had Heavy Loss.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—A dispatch from the front reports severe fighting at Chelinal Pass. Japanese made a night attack on the Russian position and outflanked the Russian detachment. Afterwards the Japanese encountered a stronger force and were compelled to retire. The Japanese lost about one hundred killed and many wounded, while the Russian casualties were fifty killed and thirty-seven wounded.

KAISER TO GO CRUISING.

He will Shortly Leave Berlin Accompanied by Prince Eitel for the Mediterranean.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—It is announced that the Kaiser and Prince Eitel Frederick will shortly start for a cruise through the Mediterranean.

RIOT AT LOPEZ, POLAND.

Soldiers Fire on Strikers Who Return Volley With Revolvers.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—It is reported that a serious riot is in progress at Lopez, Poland. A strong military patrol fired on a body of strikers, who replied with revolvers. The fight is still proceeding.

FRENCH MOB HOOTS CZAR.

Brest, France, Feb. 4.—Fresh disorders occurred during the night. Mobs surrounded the French consulate hooting the czar. The police were compelled to make repeated charges on the mob before it was dispersed. A number of persons were wounded, but none killed.

STRIKE IS ON IN PARIS.

Paris, Feb. 4.—A general strike is expected to be called to morrow, as a result of the strike of the electricians of the Edison Company. The electricians have called a meeting for this afternoon to discuss their future plans.

HE HAS LOST HIS GRIP.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The correspondent of the Publishers' Press is informed that Gen. Gripenberg, in command of the second Manchurian army, has been recalled.

GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE.

WILL ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Senate Passed a Bill Giving Appointment of State Board of Directors to the Governor.

Columbia, Feb. 3.—The house today passed a bill forbidding cock-fighting or attending the sport, but it voted down amendments to allow the sport, provided gaffs were not used, and refused to include dog fights, football, baseball or horse racing. It also passed a bill prohibiting shooting matches for prizes of value.

A communication from Gen. Fitzhugh Lee stating that he would in a short time address the assembly in the interest of the Jamestown Exposition was received as information.

The Senate passed a dispensary bill giving the appointment of the state board of directors to the governor. Senator Bleas, leading the dispensary forces, said this would give the governor power through his board to close every dispensary in the state, got only six votes on his motion to continue the bill till next session.

Among the new house bills today were the following:

By Mr. McClay.—To exempt cotton mill operatives from road duty.

By Mr. Yeldell.—Joint resolution creating Calhoun county.

By Mr. McFaddin.—To empower police of cities of over 20,000 inhabitants to make arrests within three miles of the corporate limits for offenses against ordinances.

By Mr. Brantley.—To increase the pay of dispensary constables.

THE WARSAW SLAUGHTER.

More Than 300 Dead Identified—Many Other Unknown Victims of Russian Soldiers.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The official list of those who have lost their lives since the disturbances began in Warsaw includes over 300 names, besides many who have not been identified. A dispatch from Warsaw says railroad traffic is interrupted as the strikers have torn up a portion of the lines between there and the German frontier.

COTTON MILL TRUST.

Fall River Manufacturers Form \$100,000,000 Combination.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 3.—The creation of a hundred million dollar corporation to include nearly every cotton mill in this city, also the bleacheries, print work and finishing plants to perfect the products of the mills, is the form which general opinion gives to the scheme for the consolidation of the local cotton mills. The reports are creating a sensation hardly less profound than the strike produced.

WILFUL VIOLATION OF LAW.

Inter-state Commerce Commission Announces Opinion in Santa Fe Case.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The inter-state commerce commission today formally announced their opinion in the Santa Fe rebate case, holding that the company for the last five years "has wilfully and continuously violated" the provisions of the law which requires carriers to publish and adhere to their tariffs. The opinion was prepared by Commissioner Prouty.

GEN. GRIPPENBERG RECALLED.

He Was First Asked to Resign His Command But Refused to Do So.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—Gen. Kurapatkin reports that the Japanese attack on Chanan has been repulsed. It is stated on reliable authority that Gen. Gripenberg, who is in command of the second Manchurian army, with Gen. Kurapatkin, has been asked to resign his command. He has refused and has therefore been recalled.

PRINCESS CONVALESCENT.

King Edward Assured of Her Recovery Will Visit Lord Roseberry.

London, Feb. 3.—Princess Victoria, who is recovering from the operation for appendicitis, this morning maintains her improvement. King Edward, her father, assured of her recovery, will visit Lord Roseberry.

AGREEMENT REJECTED.

State Department Will Not Accept Protocol Drawn up By Minister Dawson.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Notwithstanding the reports from Santo Domingo that the United States has taken over the management of the custom houses in that country in accordance with the terms of the recent agreement negotiated by United States Minister Dawson and Commander Dillingham of the navy, the state department announces today that the agreement has been rejected by this government. It stated, however, that a new protocol will be drawn up covering the main points in the first agreement.

PACIFIC STRIKE IN WARSAW.

Leaders Counsel Moderation and Are Doing Everything Possible to Prevent Disorder.

Warsaw, Feb. 4.—The strike leaders are taking a most moderate course in conducting this strike and are doing everything possible to prevent the outbreak of disorder. The employees of the gas works last night wanted to join the strikers, but the leaders dissuaded them. The latter feared looting would ensue if the city should be left in darkness.

CONFIDENCE IN THE CZAR.

WORKMEN BELIEVE HE WILL IMPROVE THEIR CONDITION.

Interview With One of the Workmen Who Had an Audience With Czar Nicholas.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—The correspondent of the Publishers' Press today had a talk with a workman who was yesterday admitted to a private audience with the czar. This man who is an intelligent spinner, spoke in glowing terms of the event and the czar's kindness in promising to improve conditions. He said, "We are confident the czar will keep his promise. The czar looked young and well. I think the workmen have now definitely abandoned Fithor Gopon, whom most of accused of using the workmen for political motives. I believe 90 per cent. of the workmen will be most glad to resume work."

SUFFERING SOLDIERS.

Battle of Hun River Raged With Temperature 45 Degrees Below.

Special to The Daily Item.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—The Mukden correspondent of the Nevoy Vremya in a dispatch received today states that the suffering in the recent fighting in the vicinity of the Hun river was terrible. The temperature was forty-five degrees below the freezing point and the blood from the wounded congealed as soon as it began to flow. After five days' fighting the battle ended with both sides returning to their original positions.

GORKI RELEASED.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—Maxim Gorki, the author who was arrested at Riga last week for connection with the revolutionary movement, was released today. Gorki has been mentioned during the trouble as the head of a possible provisional government should a revolution break loose. Efforts have been made by literary men all over the world to obtain his release.

FIRE AT CRAMP'S SHIP YARD.

Chart Room Containing Working Plans For New Battleships Destroyed.

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—Fire this morning destroyed the chart room at Cramps Ship yard and did damage to the extent of \$25,000. The building contained the working plans of the new battle ships Idaho and Mississippi, which were destroyed as well as those of the Colorado and Pennsylvania, just finished, and the Tennessee, now being completed. The armored cruiser Pennsylvania, lay directly in the path of the flames, but streams from two fire boats prevented the sparks igniting the cruiser.

LEGISLATORS FEAR SMALLPOX.

Resolutions Introduced to Exclude Visitors From Floor of House.

Columbia, Feb. 2.—Representative Etheridge introduced a resolution in the house today to exclude all visitors from the floor of the house on account of an epidemic of smallpox in Columbia. The resolution failed, as it was thought to have been inspired less by fear of smallpox than by a desire to get rid of visitors on account of the noise of their conversation. Local members of the house protested that the smallpox situation was no worse here than elsewhere in the state.

The vote in the senate last night whereby the Brice bill allowing communities to vote out their dispensaries was defeated is regarded as an indication that this legislature will not materially change the liquor law in spite of the great number of these bills on the calendars.

The Best Physic.

"When you want a physic that is mild and gentle, easy to take and certain to act, always use Chamberlain's Stomach and Live Tablets. For sale by all druggists.

Warsaw, Feb. 2.—The strikers are expected to resume work Monday. Efforts are being made to alleviate the sufferings of the strikers' families. Funds for this purpose are being organized, the employers being large subscribers, because of their sympathy with the strikers' political demand. The situation in the remainder of Poland is quieter today.

Lahore, British India, Feb. 2.—The river Zheb is frozen solid today. The cold throughout India is more severe than it has been in the memory of the oldest native.

The Sunshine of Spring.

"The Salve that cures without a scar is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Cuts, Burns, Boils, Bruises and Piles disappear before the use of this salve as snow before the sunshine of spring. Miss H. M. Middleton, Thebes, Ill., says: 'I was seriously afflicted with a fever sore that was very painful. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me in less than a week.' Get the genuine. Sold by all druggists.

TO HOLD COTTON.

Mr. Eugene M. Beals of New York Advocates Plan to Store Surplus Cotton.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 31.—Mr. Eugene M. Beals of the firm of Beals & Beals, stock of brokers at 35 Nassau street, New York, who is in the city for a few days, has an interesting and seemingly feasible plan for the solution of the present cotton situation by providing means for the holding of the surplus cotton raised until the market is ready to receive it at good prices.

Mr. Beals has laid his plan before several local cotton men of prominence and is endeavoring to interest them in the scheme. Those who have studied the proposed plans for the organization of the National Holding company, declare that it has both good and bad features. They admit that if the factories and cotton merchants of the south generally to enter into the scheme and by experience eradicate the objectionable features, it might prove the solution of the present troubles.

Mr. Beals kindly furnished The Chronicle with the following brief statement of his scheme, which he terms a "Proposed Plan to Put the Price of Cotton to Ten Cents."

A National Holding company, to be formed and capitalized at \$100,000,000. This company is to purchase cotton from the planters and factors at 6 cents per pound and in addition give a guarantee to pay 4 cents per pound additional when cotton reaches 10 cents per pound, the farmer or factor paying the expenses of holding cotton. The holding company, of course, agrees to hold the cotton indefinitely, or until such time as the cash market value is 10 cents. The owner is to agree not to sell or allow it to be sold until the price reaches 10 cents.

The company is to be allowed to borrow money on all the cotton thus purchased. The owner takes stock in the company for the money guaranteed over that advanced when the cotton is placed with the company.

The scheme is to form the local factors in each centre into a syndicate to purchase and collect cotton from the planters and turn it over to the holding company. In this way the cotton that is necessary to hold any season to keep up the price can be taken off the market. It is estimated that the amount of cotton necessary this year, for instance, to be withdrawn from the market to advance the price to ten cents, is 2,000,000 bales.

Mr. Beals is confident that the scheme would work if generally adopted by the factors and cotton men. Warehouse would have to be constructed in which to store cotton and hold it indefinitely when necessary. The cotton once in these warehouses would be held until cotton reached ten cents, and the world of consumers would be put on notice. The cotton cannot be sold until the ten cent stock is reached.

Local cotton men seen yesterday declined to discuss the proposed scheme for publication. It has been suggested that Mr. Beals visit New Orleans and lay his scheme before the executive officers of the Cotton Growers' association.

TRYING TO SAVE MURDERESS.

People of Pennsylvania Flooding Governor With Petitions.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 2.—That the people of Pennsylvania revolt against the spectacle of a woman being hung in this state was shown today by the announcement that more than 1,500 letters and 200 petitions, each bearing scores or names, have been forwarded to Governor Pennypacker within a week on behalf of Kate Edwards, who has been sentenced to die here on February 16. It is not yet known what effect these petitions will have on the governor.

MRS. ROGERS REPRIEVED.

The Vermont Woman Given a Short Lease on Life.

Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 2.—Governor Bell announced this afternoon that he had granted a reprieve in the case of Mrs. Mabel Rogers, sentenced to be hanged at Windsor tomorrow for the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers. She has been reprieved until June 2. The announcement came as a surprise as the governor this morning issued a statement which indicated he had decided not to grant the desired reprieve.

Fraud Exposed.

"A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, through stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing diseases for over 35 years. A sure protection, to you, is our name on the wrapper. Look for it on all Dr. King's, or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. Bucklin & Co., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada.

ILLEGAL WARRANTS.

Judge Gary Rules That Short Form Arrest Warrants Are Not Binding.

Circuit Judge Ernest Gary, who is presiding over the court of general sessions here, has just rendered a decision affecting the validity of certain arrest warrants, which must be of far-reaching effect and wide interest. Judge Gary says that the short form of warrant omitting the name of the state and not addressed to some particular constable or officer, is null and void, in fact, not any warrant at all even though the name of the state might appear on the upper part of the page in connection with the affidavit upon which the warrant has been issued.

Judge Gary has also decided that the endorsement on the back of the paper appointing a special officer to execute the warrant, cannot be considered a part of the warrant itself and is therefore not sufficient to remove the second objection—failure to designate a particular officer to perform the service.

The short form of warrant, which the judge condemns, has been extensively used in almost every part of the state for a number of years, and has probably been adopted by almost every magistrate in Greenville. Under Judge Gary's decision it is a very dangerous thing for a constable to attempt to arrest a man with such a defective warrant, for the prisoner would have every right to resist, and there would be no redress for the officer.

The question was raised a day or two ago by Mauldin & Townes in defense of E. P. Pepper, charged with resisting the officer who attempted to take him. The short form of warrant had been used, and the attorneys argued that since there was no legal warrant, the officer was acting without authority and Pepper had a right to resist. Judge Gary, after examining the warrant, sustained this view and directed the jury to find a verdict for the defendant.—Greenville News.

SLEIGH RIDERS KILLED.

A Shocking Accident at Railroad Crossing in New York.

Hornellsville, N. Y., Feb. 2.—A pall of grief and sorrow overshadows the city this morning, occasioned by the greatest catastrophe in the history of the city. From ten of the most prominent homes float symbols of death, while hundreds are mourning the loss of friends. Two miles west of this city last evening, while returning from an afternoon of merriment a sleigh containing thirteen members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Universalist church, was struck by a train over the Pittsburg, Shawmut and Northern road. Six were killed instantly, four died in the hospital later and three are still in the hospital, one of whom will probably die.

RUSSIAN REFORM SUGGESTED.

Committee of Ministers Make Many Recommendations.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—The committee of ministers appointed to consider the means of putting into operation the imperial Ukase of December 25, today made many recommendations especially with regard to increasing the power of the senate ministers. The committee urge that the rights of the senate in the legislative initiative be increased. They favor establishment of a lower administration council connected with the senate.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

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Washington, Feb. 2.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Charles Darling has resigned and the president has accepted his resignation, which goes into effect this fall.

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